

SENATE BILL 560
By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 12, Part 1, relative to veterinary facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-128(a)(2), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(2) Suspend or limit the right to hold a certificate in this state for a period not to exceed two (2) years;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-128(a)(4), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(4) Impose judgment and penalties, but suspend enforcement thereof and place the licensee or license applicant or certificate holder or certificate applicant on probation;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-128(a)(6), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(6) Refuse to issue a new license or certificate;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-128(a)(7), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(7) Withhold any license or certificate, either permanently or for a period of time, when the same has not been delivered;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-137(b), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) No owner of a veterinary facility shall restrict or interfere with medically appropriate veterinary diagnostic or treatment decisions by the licensed veterinarians employed at such veterinary facility. The provisions of this subsection shall only apply to an owner of a veterinary facility who is not a veterinarian duly licensed in this state or to a corporation or other similar organization, public or private, for-profit or not-for-profit, that is the owner of a veterinary facility.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-139, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-140, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety.

SECTION 8. It is the intent of this act to repeal all rules and regulations promulgated to effectuate the system of premises permits established by §§ 63-12-139 and 63-12-140.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.